

The Historie of

for sweet Iacke Falstaffe, kind Iacke Falstaffe, true Iacke Falstaffe, valiant Iacke Falstaffe, and therefore more valiant, being as hee is old Iacke Falstaffe, banish not him thy Harries company, banish not him thy Harries company; banish plumpe Iacke, and banish all the world.

Prin. I doc, I will.

Enter Bardoll running.

Bar. O, my Lord, my Lord, the Sheriefe, with a most monstrous Watch is at the dore.

Fal. Out you rogue, play out the Play: I haue much to say in the behalfe of that Falstaffe.

Enter the Hostesse.

Hof. O Iesu, my Lord, my Lord!

Fal. Heigh, heigh, the diuell rides vpon a Fiddle-sticke, what's the matter?

Hof. The Sherife and all the Watch are at the dore, they are come to search the House, shall I let them in?

Fal. Dost thou heare Hal? neuer call a true peece of Gold a Counterfeit, thou art essentially made, without seeming so.

Prince. And thou a naturall Coward, without instinct.

Fal. I deny your Maior; if you will deny the Sherife, so, if not, let him enter. If I become not a Cart as well as another man, a plague on my bringing vp: I hope I shall as soone be strangled with a Halter as an other.

Prince. Goe hide thee behinde the Arras, there st walke vp a boue. Now my Masters, for a true Face and good Conference.

Fal. Both which I haue had; but their date is out, and therefore Ile hide me.

Prin. Call in the Sherife.

Enter Sherife and the Carrier.

Prin. Now maister Sherife, what is your will with me?

Sher. First, pardon me my Lord. A hue and cry hath followed certaine men vnto this house.

Prince. What men?

Sher. One of them is well knowne, my gracious Lord, a grosse fat man.

Car. As fat as Butter.

Prin. The man, I do assure you is not heere, For I my selfe at this time haue employed him:

And

Henry the Fourth.

And Sherife, I will ingage my word to thee, That I will by to morrow dinner time, Send him to answere thee or any man, For any thing he shall be charg'd withall, And so let me intreate you leaue the house.

Sher. I will my Lord, there are two Gentlemen Haue in this robbery lost 300. markes.

Prince. It may be so: if he haue rob'd these men, He shall be answerable: and so farewell.

Sher. Good night, my noble Lord.

Prin. I thinke it is good morrow, is it not?

Sher. Indeed my Lord, I thinke it be two a clocke. Exit.

Prince. This oyley rascall is knowne as well as Poules: go call him forth.

Peto. Falstaffe? fast asleepe behinde the Arras, and snorting like a horse.

Prin. Harke how hard he fetches breath, search his pockets.

He searcheth his pockets, and findeth certaine papers.

Prince. What hast thou found?

Peto. Nothing but papers, my Lord.

Prince. Lets see what be they: reade them.

Item a Capon ii. s. ii. d.

Item sawce iii. d.

Item Sacke, two gallons. v. s. viii. d.

Item Anchoues and Sacke after Supper. ii. s. vi. d.

Item bread. ob.

O monstrous, but one halfe peniworth of bread to this intolerable deale of Sacke. what there is else, keepe close, weele reade it at more aduantage: there let him sleep till day, Ile to the court in the morning. We must all to the warres, and thy place shall be honourable. Ile procure this fat rogue a charge of foote, and I know his death will be a match of twelue score, the money shall be payed backe againe with aduantage: be with mee betimes in the morning, and so good morrow Peto.

Peto. Good morrow, good my Lord.

Exeunt.

Enter Hotspur, Worcester, Lord Mortimer,

Owen Glendower,

Mer. These promises are faire, the parties sure,

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